

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 00776-03  
Preliminary Amendment of December 13, 2004

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
U. S. RECEIVING OFFICE*

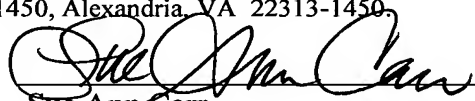
|                                       |                             |   |                     |         |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|
| <i>Applicant:</i>                     | Richard L. Guerrant, et al. | } | <i>Customer No.</i> | 34444   |
|                                       |                             | } |                     |         |
| <i>International<br/>Serial No.</i>   | PCT/US2003/032379           | } | <i>Art Unit:</i>    | Unknown |
|                                       |                             | } |                     |         |
| <i>International<br/>Filing Date:</i> | 10 October 2003             | } | <i>Examiner:</i>    | Unknown |
|                                       |                             | } |                     |         |

*Title:* Use of Stable Glutamine Derivatives to Improve Drug Absorption

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR §1.10  
Express Mail No. ER 689 336 866 US

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service using Express Mail Service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, U.S. Receiving Office, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: April 8, 2005

  
Sue Ann Carr

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

Mail Stop PCT  
U.S. Receiving Office  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.